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Title of the Invention: Printer, Image Printing System to Which the Printer is Applied, and
             Method for Printing Confidential Document

The applicant is notified that the present application has been rejected for the
reasons given below.   Any Argument according to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law or
Amendment according to Article 47(2-3) of the Korean Patent Law which the applicant may
wish to submit, must be submitted by April 22, 2002.   An indefinite number of one-month
extensions in the period for submitting a response may be obtained upon request, however
no official confirmation of the acceptance of a request for an extension will be issued.

Reasons

The invention defined in claims 1 - 9 of this application could have been easily
invented by one of ordinary skill in the art prior to the filing of the application, and thus
this application is rejected according to Article 29 (2) of the Korean Patent Law.

The invention described in claims 1 - 5 of this application relates to a printer which
prints a selected confidential print data only when receiving a code that is the same as an
initial secret code so that the selected confidential print data can be secured, in a method of
printing a confidential document in a printer system connected to a network.   Claims 6 - 9
claims a method of printing a confidential document.
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discloses a method of securing data packets when the data packets are transmitted from an
input port to an output port, which is applied to a network including the input port, the
output port, and a means for transmitting the data packets from the input port to the output
port.   In the method, the identification of the input port for transmitting the data packets is
included in each of the data packets.   Next, the identification of a source user of the input
port for transmitting each packet is included in each of the data packets.   Finally, whether
or not a pair of networks including the user identification and the port identification is
permitted in advance is searched in each of the data packets.   Also, an apparatus to which
the method can be applied is disclosed in the cited reference.   Thus, the cited reference

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fully discloses technical features of this application. Therefore, it is considered that the present invention could have easily been invented from the cited reference.

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